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PLANT OATS THIS FALL

Oats is the
Earliest and Surest
Feed Crop.



A LOUISIANA OAT FIELD.

A Winter Cover
Crop; Provides Winter
Grazing.

SUPPLEMENTS SHORT CORN CROP

Because of the shortage of the corn crop in Louisiana and the more than usual need for growing at home all the feed that stock will require, a liberal acreage should be sown to oats this fall.

MEETS LABOR SHORTAGE CONDITIONS

Oats is the ideal crop for sections where there is shortage of labor. The crop is planted in the fall, requires no cultivation, and is handled both in planting and harvesting by labor-saving machinery.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH FOR PLANTING

The most common cause for failure in growing oats is in not planting at the proper time. October is the best month for planting oats anywhere in Louisiana, though November will answer when it is impracticable to plant earlier.

Variety—The Louisiana Red Rust Proof is the best variety of oats for this State.

Planting—Plant from two to two and one-half bushels to the acre, either with a drill or broadcast.

Oats and Vetch—When it is to be made into hay, hairy vetch planted with the oats will make a decided improvement in the crop.

Soils—A medium grade of land is the most satisfactory for oats. Very rich soil will make too much straw. Poor soils will require fertilizers.

Treatment for Smut—Smut may be prevented by treating the seed oats with a formalin solution—one pint of formalin to 50 gallons of water.

Preparation—Plow the land well two or three weeks in advance of planting, if possible, and disk and harrow to a compact and well pulverized seed bed.

Fertilizers—Oats should follow cow peas, soy beans, lespedeza or alfalfa, if possible. These legumes make the best fertilizers, especially when a good quantity of the vegetable matter is plowed under in good condition.

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